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DOE Hearing  
Caliente, NV

RE: Rail Alignment Environmental Impact Statement

- 1 [ I would like to express my support for the proposed "Caliente Corridor." I believe that this will provide a cost effective solution to the transportation of nuclear waste. It will provide an opportunity for economic growth in our area. ]
- 2 [ The plans indicate that the DOE will build a rail yard proximate to Caliente in one of two identified locations. It is my recommendation that the "Cove" site be chosen as opposed to the "Upland" site. The "Upland" yard would displace an active farm and several dwellings. The "Cove" yard would have a significantly less impact. The "Cove" yard would be more functional from an operations consideration as it is next to the main line. Switching train crews, fueling locomotives, and stockpiling construction materials would be greatly simplified and more economical. ]
- 3 [ If the "Caliente Corridor" is chosen, I believe that it would be prudent to have adequately trained and equipped emergency response teams in place in the event of need. ]
- 4 [ The facilities, such as the transportation operations center, rail maintenance center, and cask maintenance facilities, should be first rate and equipped with well trained personnel. ]

I appreciate this opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,



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